





# The Avalanche.

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## POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The veterans in the Dayton, O., soldiers' home petition congress to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture of rebel and anarchist flags.

The national debt has been decreased \$87,787,722, in the eleven months that have passed of the present fiscal year. A pretty good showing for the Republican administration.

The house committee on pensions will investigate Commissioner of Pensions R. M. Cooper, of Indiana, charges him with favoring a certain attorney in Washington, and with propping up employees in his office for a monetary consideration.

A. B. Valentine, of Big Rock, and a stiff old democrat, had his pension taken away from him under Cleveland's administration. But his political enemy, the Republican party, the party that stands by the old veterans—restored it to him last week. *Atlanta Tribune.*

If the ex-rebels have the right to display their defeated flag at the apotheosis of Robert E. Lee, why haven't the anarchists a like right to exhibit their flag when and where they please? They are not one thousandth part as dangerous as the rebels were during the Democratic rebellion. *Dayton (O.) Journal.*

The British tin plate trust has been making a nice thing of the monopoly it has held hitherto. The London *Financial News* some time ago stated, on "good authority," that the tin plate works in South Wales are "returning considerably more than 20 per cent to their proprietors." The new duty on this plate, and the establishment of competition in the United States, will eat down such profits, and make tin plate cheaper to the public. *Blade.*

Later returns from Oregon show that that state is stronger for protection than it was two years ago. In 1888 the Republican candidate for congress had 7,437 majority. This year the same candidate has a majority of nearly 9,000 and this on a much smaller total vote than was polled two years ago. Grover Cleveland is still winning votes and protection is still gaining ground in the West. *Det. Tribune.*

The so-called "business men's meeting" in Philadelphia, called for the purpose of kicking against the new tariff bill, was a meeting of free trade Democrats some of whom are in the soup. The meeting was presided over by a rank bourgeois and addressed only by Democrats. In short, this "business men's meeting" was simply a Democratic free trade blowout, only that and nothing more. Pennsylvania's Republican majority is still safe. *Det. Tribune.*

A chair of history and political economy has been established at the Agricultural college, with Prof. N. D. Corbin in charge. Prof. Corbin will take his M. S. degree from the state university, June 13, from which he took his B. S. degree in 1886. In view of the growing importance of the mechanical department and the value of a diploma from it, the faculty decided to confer a special diploma on the graduates from that course. They also elected President Clute delegate from this college to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Hope College, to be held June 26. *Det. Tribune.*

The Rochester Post-Express, a Democratic journal, after an extended comment upon Grover Cleveland's recent speech to the actors, concludes as follows:

"Such a speech as this to such an audience is of one great advantage, at least. It affords to the actors an opportunity to study from nature—from the nude, so to speak—the personal hypocrisy and political pharisee. It was a splendid chance for the comedians."

Evidently the Post-Express does not desire to see Mr. Cleveland again the candidate of the Democratic party. *Blade.*

The Detroit Free Press apologizes for the stars and bars of secession by saying that they represent to the southern people "a memory and a sentiment of the past." So does the red flag represent to the anarchist "a memory and a sentiment of the past," and like the stars and bars, it perpetuates and keeps them alive when it would be for the best interest of the living present if they were dead, buried and forgotten. When a people cling so lovingly and tenaciously to dead treason one may be deemed excusable for doubting the sincerity of their love for life, patriotism. It is a mistaken sympathy that keeps an ill-melling corpse above the earth to offend and infect the living. *State Republican.*

There is nothing in the American idea of freedom on which to hitch such tyranny as some workmen exercise when they employ violent means to compel other workmen to quit work. When it comes to that it comes straight up to the front, wide open door of anarchy. And right there is where many reckless and revolutionary so-called labor leaders are headed for. *Det. Tribune.*

The Nebraska Farmer of the 27th inst., has an article from Mr. M. S. Benedict, a free trader who is writing extensively for the agricultural papers of the West, from which I copy the following:

"Under normal conditions of supply and demand in labor, trade, etc., \$8 per month should permit a family to live in comfort in this land of plenty. The bountiful gifts of soil, forest, mines and fruits in these United States should make it the cheapest place to raise a family, or provide for a comfortable living outside of the warm regions of the earth. The reason this is not the present condition is explained in two words. High wages can't perform it justly, for we think wages are too high. Can any family necessarily be provided with wages three times too high? Are Americans getting the benefit of high wages? No!" *N. Y. Press.*

In remarkable contrast was the unveiling of the Grinnell memorial on Friday, Decoration day, at Cleveland, Ohio, with that of the monument to the memory of Gen. Lee, at Richmond, Va., the day previous. At Cleveland patriotism was exalted; at Richmond treason was glorified. At Cleveland the stars and stripes were the banner honored; at Richmond the stars and bars. At Cleveland the memory of a true patriot, an able general and statesman was honored; at Richmond, an able general, but a man who did his best to disrupt the union, was glorified. At Cleveland national unity was paramount; at Richmond the demonstration was in honor of the "lost cause." At Cleveland all were in sympathy with the banner of the free and the brave; at Richmond even the statue of Washington was decorated with the emblem of the lost cause, the emblem of treason to our country. We do not believe that General Lee, if living, would have approved of the demonstration at Richmond. He accepted the result of the appeal to the arbitration of war, and would have been loyal to the old flag. At Richmond the democracy of the nation government upon earth was insulted, the "bloody flag" was brought into prominence, and the flag that favored the slave was the flag that favored the colored man. *Chib. Tribune.*

The New York World, a Democratic organ, accuses the Republicans of increasing their majority in the House by simply reversing the result of the election in a dozen of cases. "The world should be honest and admit that the change in contested seats have been made to right flagrant wrongs. In no case where a Democrat has made any show of having been elected has the Republican contestant been seated. The action of the Republican majority has been in marked contrast with that of the Democratic majority in the last House. Under the Republicans not a man has been unseated who had a shadow of a claim to a seat. The evidence has been such as would have convinced any jury of twelve honest men sworn to do their duty. The Democratic member, in every instance has been given the benefit of any doubt. The fact is wherever a change has been made, the most outrageous frauds, intimidation and ballot box thefts have been clearly proven. The only fault the honest men of either party should find, is that men have been allowed to enjoy so long the fruits of such disgrace to the nation that such outrages are permitted at all. It is only where Democrats manipulate and control the ballot boxes that they are permitted. The most of the changes have been in districts in the south, where no pretension is made to secure an honest vote from the legal voters." *Chib. Tribune.*

"Fanny!" Well, I should say so! Look at the one in short lace skirt to the knees, rubber boots, bare arms, an immense muff, straw hat, and a beard! What is it? Why, that is 'A Modern Columbus' in the burlesque of that name given by a dramatic club of the celebrated Seventh Regiment of New York, and these illustrations and the account of it are, as you see, in DEMOCRAT'S FAMILY MAGAZINE for July, which has just arrived. The pictures of the six-footers of the Seventh arranged in feminine togas are about the funniest that have appeared in any magazine for a long time. This number also contains a beautifully illustrated article on the interior of Vice-President Morton's house, which is full of suggestions for modern house-furnishing. The article, 'Stanley's Rescue of Eatin', profusely illustrated, is also of great interest. And the 'House of the Future' in 'American Waters' will give a hint to many who are wondering how to spend the summer. In fact the whole magazine, from the handsome Water-color in the front to the 'Spice Box' in the back, is artistically and handsomely executed. It is wonderful how DEMOCRAT'S FAMILY MAGAZINE has come to the front in the past few years and now stands in the forward rank of the Great Magazines. Indeed, there is no other Magazine published that so acceptably caters to every member of the family. Published by W. Jennings Democrat, 13 East 14th St., New York.

The Farmer's Opinion.  
The Independent Signal, of Grinnell, Iowa, a Democratic organ of free trade, recently said: "Manufacturers are allowed to compel exactions on all their products from all corners. It compels the farmer to buy in an artificial market and to sell in a free market. Still he declines to have any change made, being content to stand fleeing because the imposition is imposed by the grand old Republican party. The laboring man has discovered that his boss and not he is benefited by the protective system. The farmer who labors from sun to sun and grows poorer as he grows older, comes up at every congressional election to approve his own robbery and to assist in perpetuating a system that is villainous. Will he ever lift his nose from the grindstone?"

An intelligent and substantial farmer residing near Grinnell, who chanced to read the above paragraph, gives the following chapter of personal experience as a fitting reply to that sort of free trade clap-trap. He says: "The imputation in the above that the farmer does not know enough to vote intelligently is an insult to any honest tiller of the soil. Reading such rot one would be led to believe that the farmer is actually in want did he not know better by observation and experience."

"Twelve years ago this spring I landed in Brooklyn from Ireland, a country that is cursed with the same free trade that it is proposed to fasten upon this country if such fools as the writer of the above could have their way. Free trade ruined us. The poor tenants of the richest island in the world as regards soil, contribute their products to help sustain the English lords, who in turn supply the people with English goods at exorbitant prices. They would like awful well to make this country strictly an agricultural one, and they would manufacture all of the goods we need over here. Gladstone practically said as much in his controversy with Blaine."

"When I landed in Brooklyn, Iowa, I had just 50 cents in money. I had no trouble in getting work among the farmers at good wages. I made more clear money the first year I was here than I ever had before. After working four years for different farmers, I went into business for myself. I rented a small farm and worked it for all it was worth. To-day I own 160 acres of as fine land as there is in Scott township, and it is all paid for, too, and I am getting willing to show up any day with that Grinnell editor who has so much sympathy for the farmer with his 'nose to the grindstone.' My own experience is also that of scores of others here on the 'Ridge.' No other country in the world would give us such a chance as this one. I know corn is low in price, but it fattens hogs like blazes, and they are selling for a good price. I sold mine two weeks ago for \$3.85, and considering the price of everything else that is good, I sold a horse the other day for \$140 and invested the money in yearling calves, for which I had to pay from \$14 to \$17 per head."

"I do hope that Grinnell editor will not lose any sleep over the condition of our poor farmers, and I want to assure him that I don't want any free trade in mine, not even a tariff for revenue. If I had my way about it, I would increase the tariff on everything that can be produced in this country and admit free trade articles that we can not raise or manufacture here."

The rebels of Richmond have no use for the flag that taught them manners, something over a score of years ago. A repetition of the lesson would benefit some of them. *Chicago Journal.*

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